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Report.10 Whose Hand Did I See?

"Here is your first mission! Learn all of the first years' names and clubs, and write them here. If anyone discovers that you're in the ninja club, you fail!"
ACHOO!
Oh, darn...
My nose is all itchy.

Got a cold?
Heck no!
You know, they say only stupid people catch summer colds...
...Oh wait...
STUPID
I'd better be careful...

I thought I'd visit the red class during lunch.
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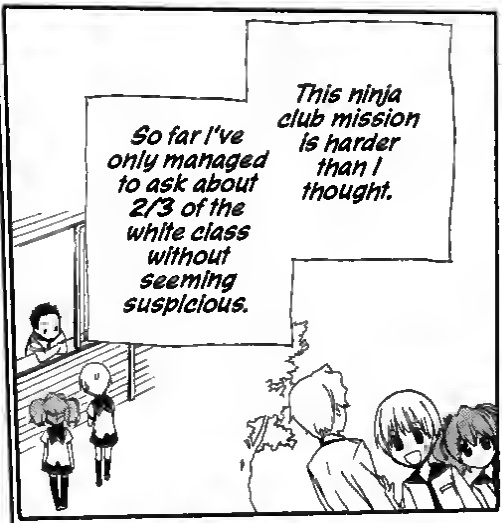

This ninja club mission is harder than I thought.
So far I've only managed to ask about 2/3 of the white class without seeming suspicious.

The red and blue classes are a big problem.
White 2/3

Ah--
--choo!
PAT
Busy investi-gating?
I just can't tell!
Who's who? What do they all do?
Maybe... about this much.
How about you?
I see.
To tell you the truth...
... about this much.
What've you got so far?
Was that a sneeze just now?
Oh... Yusuke-kun...
I guess.
Wow! That's great!
20%
Total
80%

It's hard getting info on the clubs that don't meet very often.
Well, we still have four days.
I'll make it somehow.
They really are brothers.
They're like twins
You're having a hard time, huh?
.....
Yeah.

Are there any know-it-alls in the white class?
Y'know-- the type who'd know everything about everyone in the whole school?

Well, then ...
Don't you touch her!!!
ぱし

Grrr...

I don't know.
That'd be handy.
I wonder if there's anyone like that.

I see.

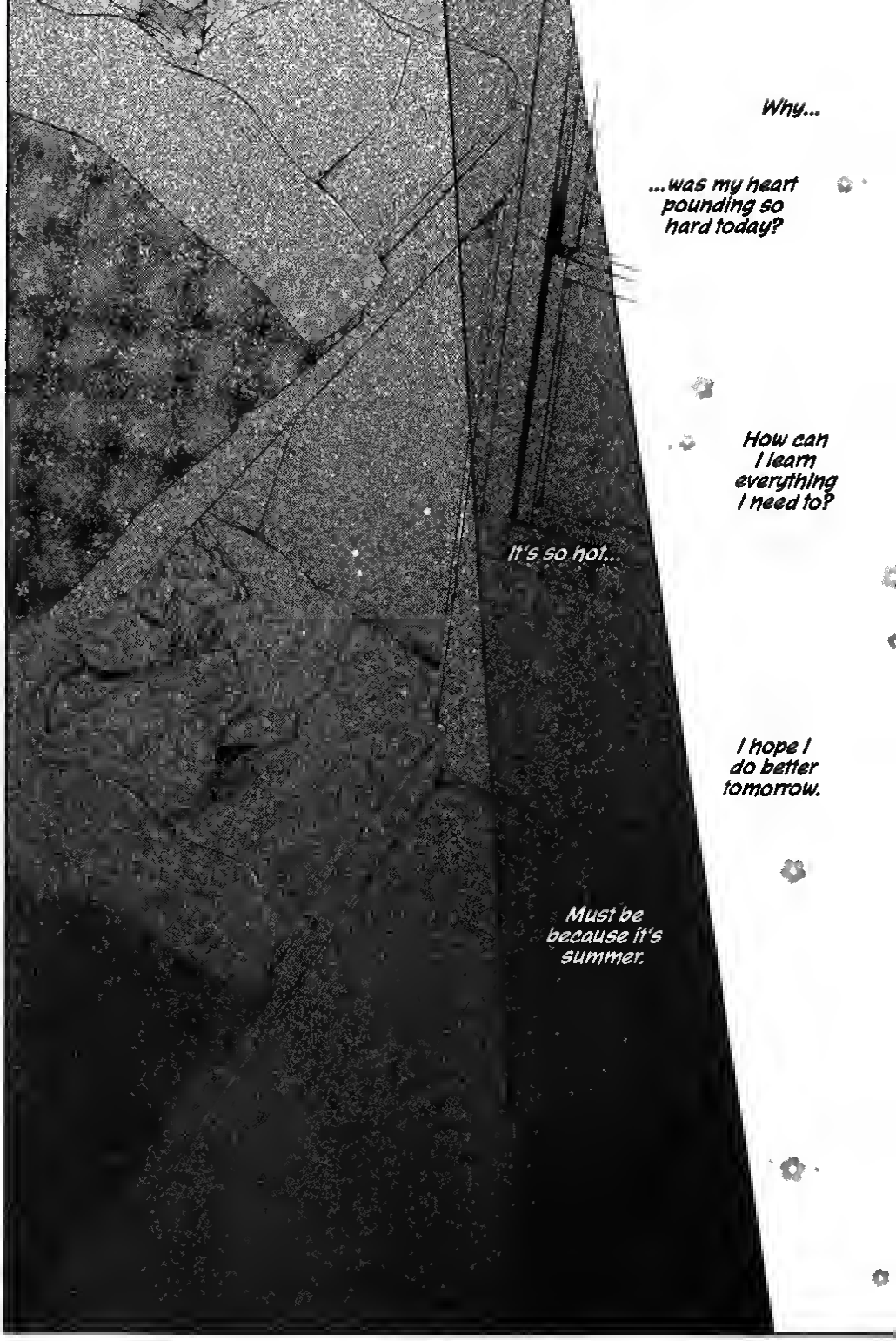
Aren't you ashamed of how you're always changing shape and getting spoiled rotten?
That reminds me...
May-be...
...you're not really suited to acting human.
Red?
He went into the mysteri-ous red class-room!
Oh, right-- he's in the red class.
See you later!
Yusuke-kun, wait...!

むす
むす
むす
Suzuhara-san's been in human form all day!
I could learn a lot from her.

Are you okay?
.....
?!!
I-I'm sorry!
むぅ
!!!
I'm sorry...
...achoo!
What's going on?
This isn't good...
Carrot
But to be on the safe side...
I'm absolutely fine.
No, no, no!
"Got a cold?"

...I'm going to sleep early!
G'night, Miiko.
...spoiled rotten...
Grrr!
Hmph!
Miiko's sleeping up there for once.
Yusuke-kun must have upset her.

POOF
Oh, she changed back.
.....
Miiko.
Don't let it get to you.
Achoo!
.....
Usually she curls up next to me in her cat form.
It's lonely without her.
Why me?
sigh...


Why...
...was my heart pounding so hard today?
How can I learn everything I need to?
It's so hot...
I hope I do better tomorrow.
Must be because it's summer.

...it's nine o'clock?
.....
.....
Tell the teacher I'm sick today...
...and that I'll be better tomorrow.
Milko ...
...just go to class.
It spread from my nose to my throat and my whole body.
Oh, great. I feel even worse.
.....
I...kind of feel like I've told you that at least 10 times...
...Milko-san.

I'll wait here.
...until I'm better?
I'll wait until you go, Fune.
No, it's okay...
It'd be better if you worked on the club assignment.
So go to school, okay? Please, Miiko?
Just let me rest.
.....
Morning...!
After seeing that you still weren't there after the morning assembly, Umako Koyanagi is here to check up on you!
Aaah! See? Now the class president is here!
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カリ
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Sick?
Fune's sick!
What's the matter?
Come on, it's not like I'm a ghost!
Umako Koyanagi (Fox)
Sick?
Sick?!
Think she'll be okay...?
I knew it was a cold!

.....
I hope she's all right.
Hey, isn't there a doctor on staff?
Just a male vet. But there should be some human medicine...
...In the nurse's office.

They... wouldn't realize she's human, would they?
.....
Is there any way we can get the medicine to her?
What if we sent it with a girl...?
But guys aren't allowed in the girls' dorm.
!!
Not even teachers?!
Yuichi--!
We can only risk giving it to someone who knows.
Hey, did you hear about Miiko?
Huh? What're you guys talking about?
?
Oh! Um, it's nothing!
See you, Sensei! Thanks for the you-know-what!

So yeah, about soccer club...
What do we do?
Human medicine just has to be swallowed, right?
I'd better give it to Suzuhara.
Easier said than done.
Oh, boy...
Infirmary
ガラ…

Hey, Sasuke.
Been a while.
Whatcha lookin' for?

This, maybe?
So Neko Fukuta's got a cold?
What're you gonna do about it?
What, this human cold medicine?
That's --!

Do you need it?
Me? Nope.
I don't have a cold.
Then--
GUP

What are you doing in this school?
Sasuke.
You've got to know...
...what I'll do to you if you get in my way.
...I didn't expect you to join the ninja club.
Well, I didn't think you'd be in the art club, Sasuke.
I thought you'd go for the ninja club.
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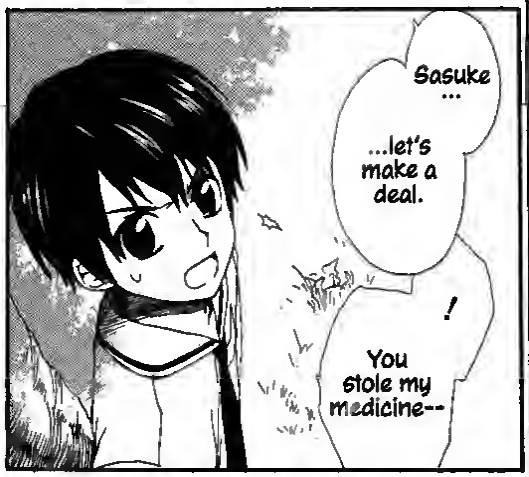
So?
Why did you come here, Sasuke?
!
There's no one here.
Huh?

.....

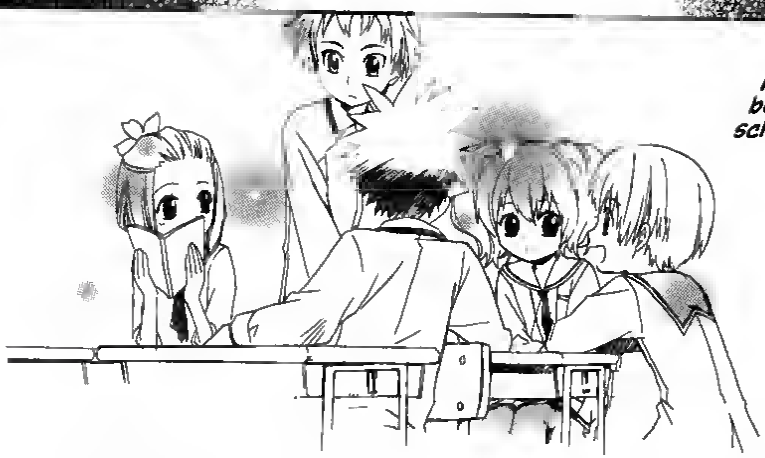

Sasuke ...
...let's make a deal.
!
You stole my medicine--

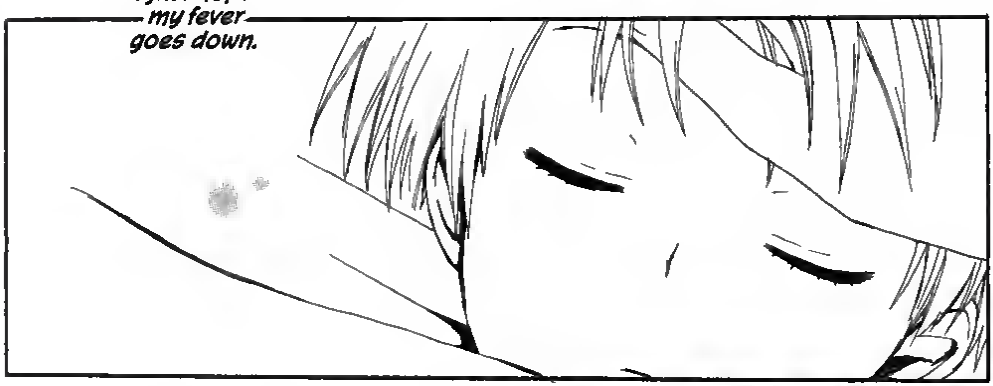
You think I'm playing dirty?
Ha ha.

Now...
...where's that human medicine?

There's nothing wrong with a ninja having some tricks up his sleeve.
Wonder what time it is...?
I hope Miiko's doing okay.

But either way, I'm getting some rest, at least.
I'm not even sure if I'm asleep.


I wonder if I'll be able to go to school tomorrow?


I just hope my fever goes down.

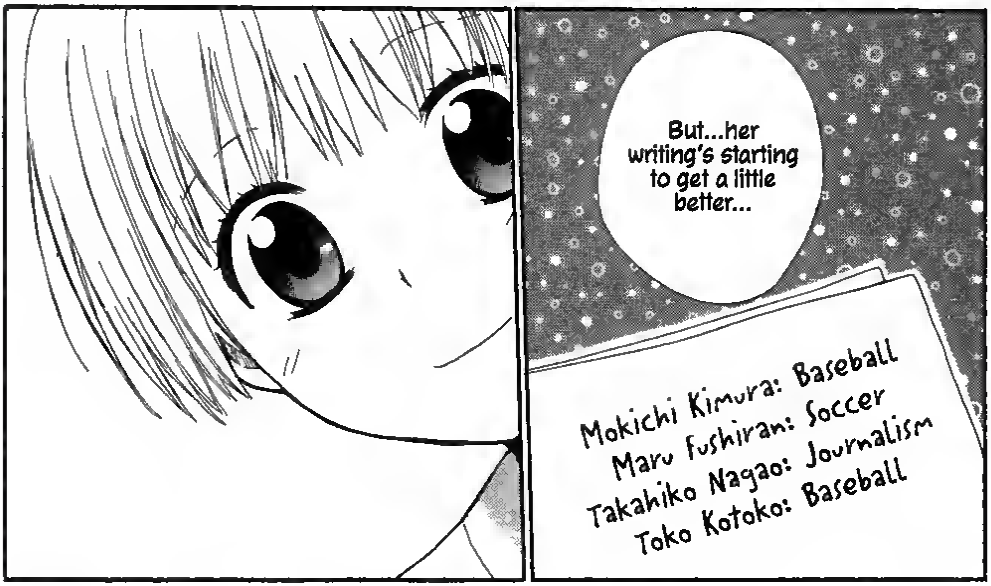
.....
Whew.

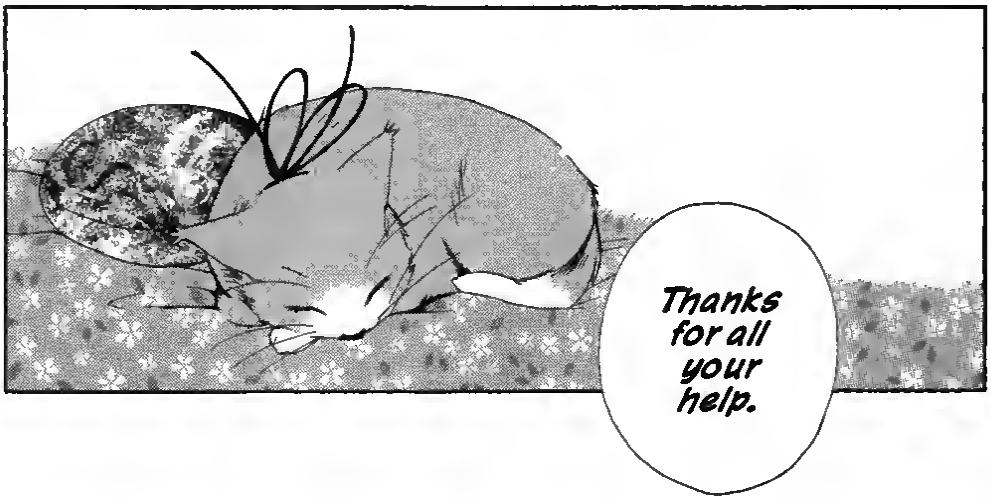
Who's there...?
What's that?
Cold medicine?
...huh?
He...left...?

Aw!
Wh-what time is it?!
ガバッ
.....
My fever's gone...
A.M. 4:11

Oh, Miiko!
Don't wake up.
Fune...?
Did he leave them both?
...two boxes?
?
?

She gathered all this information...
It's such a scrawl.


But...her writing's starting to get a little better...
Mokichi Kimura: Baseball
Maru Fushiran: Soccer
Takahiko Nagao: Journalism
Toko Kotoko: Baseball


Thanks for all your help.

Watanuki-sensei?
...I see.
So it was Sensei.
He snuck in through your window with the medicine.
Yup.
As a raccoon
He noticed the broken window and ordered new glass, too.
.....
But I'd forgotten to mention the glass!
I have to thank him!

So you're feeling better?
Uh huh!
I took some more medicine right after breakfast.
She's sleeping.
I can't miss any more class.
Right?
Right, Miiko?
Hey, guys!
Whatcha talkin' about?

Report.11 Heartbreak in the Rain

Even when Kotaro fell in love (?)...
...Miiko didn't spare him a glance.

RAGE
RAGE
RAGE
By now it's glaringly obvious.
Maybe it's just me, but...

...do you think maybe Miiko hasn't realized that Kotaro likes her?
Kotaro really loves Miiko.
Miiko! ♡
.....
Even she can't be that dense...
.....
Don't touch me!
ぺちぃ!

...yeah.
Maybe she doesn't know.
.....
But Kotaro's being so obvious about it...
And he introduced me to Takuma-kun so he could be around Miiko.
Smart move
Kotaro, are you ever gonna just tell her?
That You like her?
Nope.
Why not?
Kotaro's got some pet peeves, though.
He doesn't care if he gets hit, but he can't stand being intimidated.
He's been more subtle lately.
I kind of get that.

Maybe I should just tell her...
Good point...
It's like watching a dog fall in love with a cat.
Because the male's supposed to show off until the female asks him over, right?
female
Rival alert!
But... Miiko-san's a cat.
What?!
Yeah?
It's a recipe for disaster
And you know how cats and dogs don't usually get along...

That sucks...
But I don't like cats-- just Miiko!
Well, I guess that's a fair distinction.
So you're gonna confess your feelings?
Confess ...?
You know?
Come right out and tell her you love her!
How do you think Miiko would react?
Don't you want to find out?
Yeah...

Hold it right there.
If you do it now it'll be just like what you always do.
I'll go for it!
If you're gonna do it...
...maybe you should pick a special spot!
Set the mood! And then...
I love you.
It just might work like that!
.....

All right, I'm gonna do it!
Really?! This plan is awesome!
Maybe if there's a really nice sunset...
Um... yeah...
And then she'll say she likes me back!

I told her to meet me there.
I wonder how he got her to come?
They're far away.
Oh, there's Miiko.
Go for it, Kotaro!
Looks like it's gonna rain...
Where's Fune?
Ah-- see that circle?
Can you stand in it?
I'll stay in this one.
I wonder if this'll work?
I'm so excited!
Yeah...

Today...
...I want to say something to you that I haven't said before.
See...
...I came to this school to find a wife.
And...
...I felt it the first time I saw you, Miiko.
I...

?
I don't like you.
Miiko, I love you!
Um...I mean...
It's not just about like and not like...
...but i don't like you.
Uh...
Well...
I love you even more!
Think they're discussing it?
Wonder what he's saying?
Kotaro sure is loud.
I...

I want you to be my bride!

?
He said it.
And now...
S-so...
Come jump into my arms!
Be my bride!
Come and get it!
Hmm...
Looks like...
...it's still not clicking for her.
Miiko!
Do...do you like someone else?!
I mean a guy, not another girl.

!
I'm not sure...
...what'd she say?

So...you think she said something even worse...?
He's heard that before.
Maybe it was something else.
Did she tell him she doesn't like him again?
...he looks really depressed. But...
Kotaro...He switched forms.

.....
I...
Now I feel like...
...we did something wrong.
I guess it was pretty obvious what would happen.
Now it's even worse...

Don't worry.
.....
Kota--
Gack!
ぶるぶるぶるぶる

So she *didn't* say something mean?

"Yes."

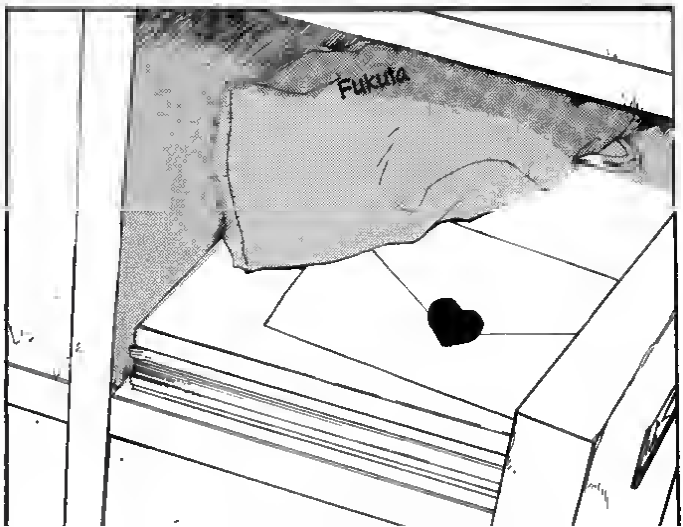
"There's someone else I like."

...that's all.

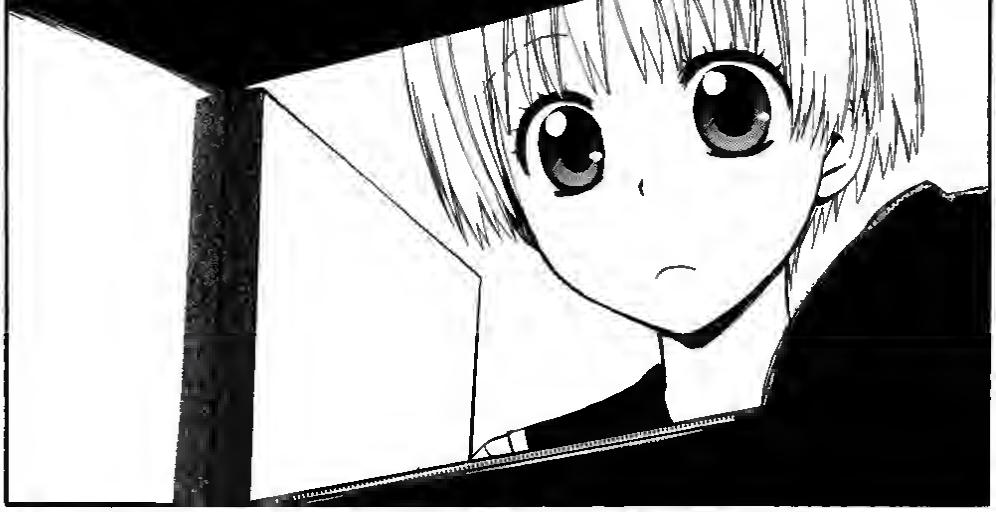
It's just...

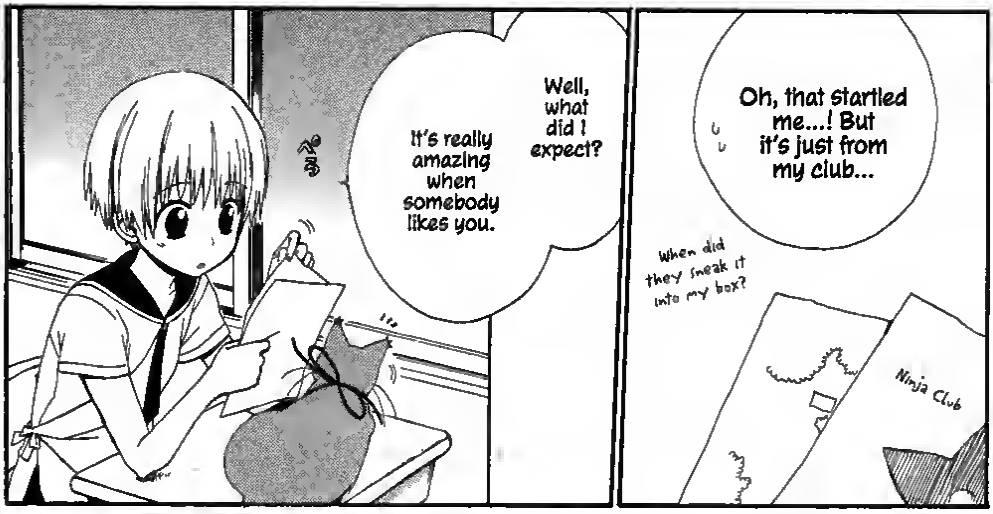
It surprised me so much that...
...it broke my transformation.
So he expected it...
...I figured Miiko would be surprised or call me an idiot.
...you know...
But I was surprised...
So Miiko...
...has a crush on someone?
That's unexpected.
...because of that person?
Does she want to be human...
Miiko acts so high and mighty with everyone.
She always says they smell and that she doesn't like them.

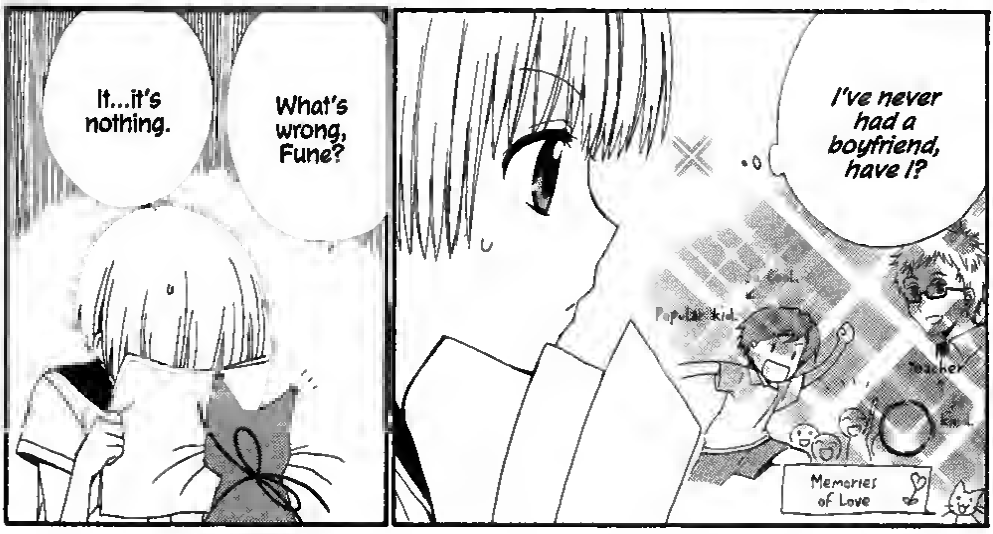
But still...
...she came here all by herself.
The person Miiko loves...
The person who's most important to her in all the world...
"I want to be like a normal human."
So how can I...



Kotaro's always so positive.

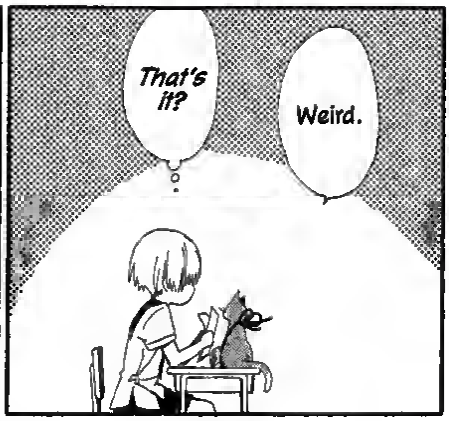



Well, what did I expect?
It's really amazing when somebody likes you.
Oh, that startled me...! But it's just from my club...
When did they sneak it into my box?
Ninja Club


What's wrong, Fune?
It...it's nothing.
I've never had a boyfriend, have I?
Popular kid
Teacher
Memories of Love

...
Meh.
How was it...?
...he loves you.
...Kotaro told you...
I heard that...
So, um...
Nobody's ever asked me out...
?
Well, it's...you know...
...what you are when you become a wife.
Hey, Fune.
What's a "bride"?
Hmm...
Poor Kotaro.
"Meh"...?
...and being together.
It means getting married...

"Secret message"? You mean figuring out that "take the bait" meant "come"?
Hey, great! So you decoded the secret message, huh?
Welcome to the second-ever meeting of the ninja club!
How're your missions coming along?
But we just followed the map...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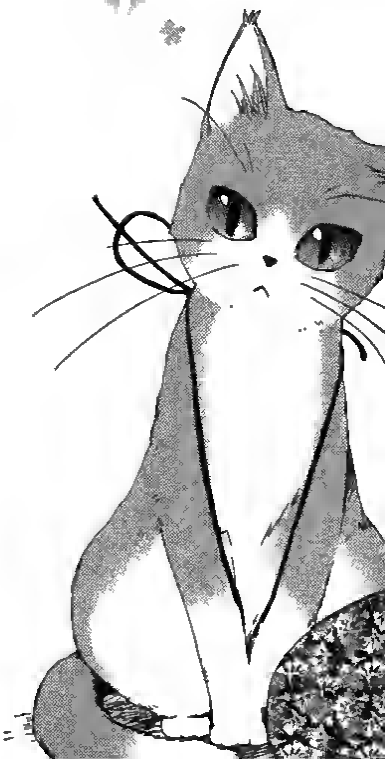
Weird.



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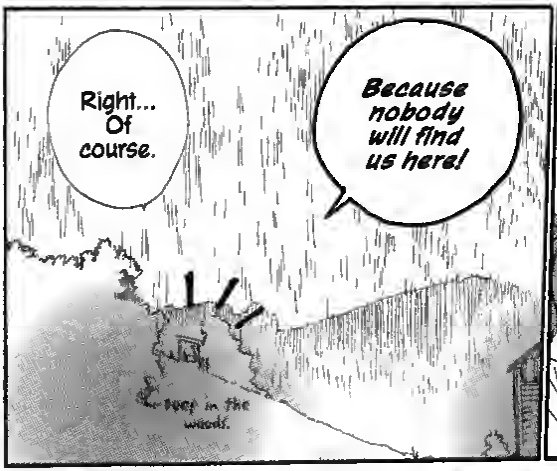
Because nobody will find us here!
Right... Of course.
Deep in the woods.

Um, Senpai...
...why are we having the meeting out here?
Hmm?

Fukuta.
Yes?

This is really awkward.
Oops, I forgot to look over what I wrote down.
Hatred
Hatred
Hatred
Hatred

You missed a day of class?
You okay now?
Huh?
Oh! Yup!
And Miiko helped me a lot that day.
Right, Miiko?
Heh!
Heh!
Did about 1/3.
Heh!
Pretty impressive, Sagami.
Well, you didn't get all that much info, but... you're still rookies.
Good job!
It's like you copied the school directory.

I heard you were with your brother, Sasuke Sagami.
Did you really do all this on your own?
Well, I'm a smart guy.
Oh, I see...
I didn't know.
We watched all of you.
Yep, we split up.
Sorry!
.....
You were watching me?
Yeah, I did it all by myself.
Hmm...
.....

It's fine as long as you weren't making him do your work.
I saw that you didn't.
Right.
I didn't do anything suspicious with my brother.
.....
I think you went too far, Zenda.
I hope you're not gonna be spying on me all the time.
Like I'd do something like that.
Hey...
...what do you and Sasuke-kun talk about, Yusuke-kun?

We just run into each other once in a while.
Nah, we don't talk much.
It sounded like you hang out a lot.
You're brothers, right?
Huh?
Pretty harsh, huh?
She untransformed and made a dash for the school without us.
Oh.
Should I not have asked that?
Maybe?
He changed the subject.

Oh.
No!!!
What the heck?
Why? Do you like Sasuke?
Yuichi Takuma, I mean.
?
...do you like him?
Then...

Oh, you don't?
Er...I mean --!
I like him.
But...
...you just surprised me, that's all.
Well, I always see you guys...
...together.
Huh?

That kind of feeling...
Later!
"Because..."
"...Miiko's just so cute...!"
Having someone like you...
...really must be amazing.

"I wish she'd smile for me."
"...she's even cuter when she smiles."
"I bet..."
Kotaro really is a positive person.
That's probably why he's so comfortable with other people.
Plus...
...he probably can't imagine rejection ...

Yuichi Takuma.
Yuichi... Ta...coma...
Forget it.
Just call me Yuichi.
Yuichi...
You can learn my last name later.
The truth is...
...I'm a human.

Report.12 : Yuichi Takuma

And so...

...today we run...

Are they watching me right now?
.....
You'll each run on a different floor.
Talk about perfect!
Three floors, three rookies!
It's dangerous, so don't slip!
Whoa!
3F Yusuke
2F Fukuta
1F Suzuhara
...so lazy.
Ohh, rain makes me feel...
1F
I wonder if Miiko is actually running...
2F
"Miiko, I love you!"
"I want you to be my bride!"

...what a weirdo.
Miiko!
Oh, Miiko!
1
2
どっどっどっどっどっ
Miiko!
Love ya!

Miiko! Let's run together!
2F
The basketball club is running too?
Why aren't you in the gym?
Some other team's using it.
So we're just running around for an hour.
Kotaro escaped to the first floor to run with Miiko.
I see...
Your club's running too?
Y-yeah...
Just one person per floor?
So someone's upstairs?

Yeah.
Yusuke-kun's up there.
Over here.
"Yu-suke"?
Who?
Sasuke-kun's brother.
Oh, Sasuke.
I didn't know he had a brother.
All right, I'm heading up there!
Have fun!
You can't miss him. They're practically identical.

Ha ha ha
Good luck!
Hey, Yuichi! You hitting on girls too?
Basketball makes you a man!
N-no!
Let me through!
How romantic.

Whoa!
He has the exact same face!
That's unbelievable.
Oh?
Guess it's one-sided.
She told me she likes you.
Hey!
Are you two an item?
Yuichi Takuma...
Nice to meet you.
I'm Yusuke.
What?
An item?
Of course not! We're different species!
Well, we're actually both humans.

No, it's true!
Oh...
No way!
Did she really ...?
Just kidding!
R-really?
Which is it?!
You're a funny guy.
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It makes me wish I'd joined a creative club.
The art club's in the art room.
The cooking club's in the home-ec room.
Lucky them! They get to eat things!
How much longer do I have?
Go, Fukuta!
I'm running with you!
Aah! Uesugi-senpai--!

Brr!
He is a ninja!
Ha ha ha!
2F
He must be in the art room.
I wonder what Sasuke-kun's doing?
It's not like we're that friendly, but...
"Do you like him?"
Friendly...
YANK
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Sa--
Sasuke-kun?!
What the heck ...?

.....
.....
Sorry to scare you.
Hold still, okay?
.....
Um... What...
There was some kind of strange, strong thing following you, but it vanished.
Huh? You mean Senpai?
.....
Any-way...
He's watching all us newbies.
Yup!
"Senpai"? From the ninja club?
Any-way...

Sorry.
But there's ...
... something I wanted to ask you.
Sna...
Snake?
Not counting Silvino and that white snake...
...what do you think of when I say "snake"?

.....
Um...
I'll make sure...
...you don't have to leave this school.
Huh?
I won't let everything be ruined.

What?
Would you...
...lend me that thick book? It'd help.
Please.
Wh-what do you mean...?
What the heck?
But why would...? I don't understand...
I can't explain right now.
Someone's after it.

You mean ...
...the Morimori handbook?
!
Yeah, that.
You ...
...want me to go get it?
!
Not now. I'll come for it later.
Thank you.

Sasuke-kun smiled.
Sure...
?
Fukuta-san.
.....
You should leave quietly.
O-okay...
So...
...what just happened?
カラ
Keep this just between us...
Don't turn around, just listen.
...and watch out for Yusuke.
He's a good liar.

Have faith in me.
I'll protect you.
What?

What on earth is going on here?
...I'm not in any danger.
But...
Um...
Err...

3F
I told him to run slowly...
Suddenly they're having a race.
Checkpoint Trashcan
GUNK

Get away from me!
You're so fast, Miiko!
Wait up!
Ugh! So annoying!
Miiko!
You stink!

Ack!
Ah--!
Gah
Lurk.
clang
.....
That was...
... close.
Yikes ...
.....
I won!
.....

?
I saw you from my class.
!!!
Wha...?
Phew...
.....
So, Takuma...
...the other day, weren't you watching while your friend asked a girl out?

You don't deny it?
Ha ha!
Rage!
Why is that funny...?
Heh! But you think you couldn't ever be with her 'cause you're different species?
huff
Are you an idiot?
No, wait-- you're brilliant.
A genius!
What the ...?
Now what should I do?
Wow, you really are.

Oh, well.
You've got a long life ahead of you.
So don't hold a grudge, okay?
.....

Huh? Hey, hold on a second...
Now that I think about it, you couldn't have seen us from your classroom...
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Some-
body
help...
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What just happened?
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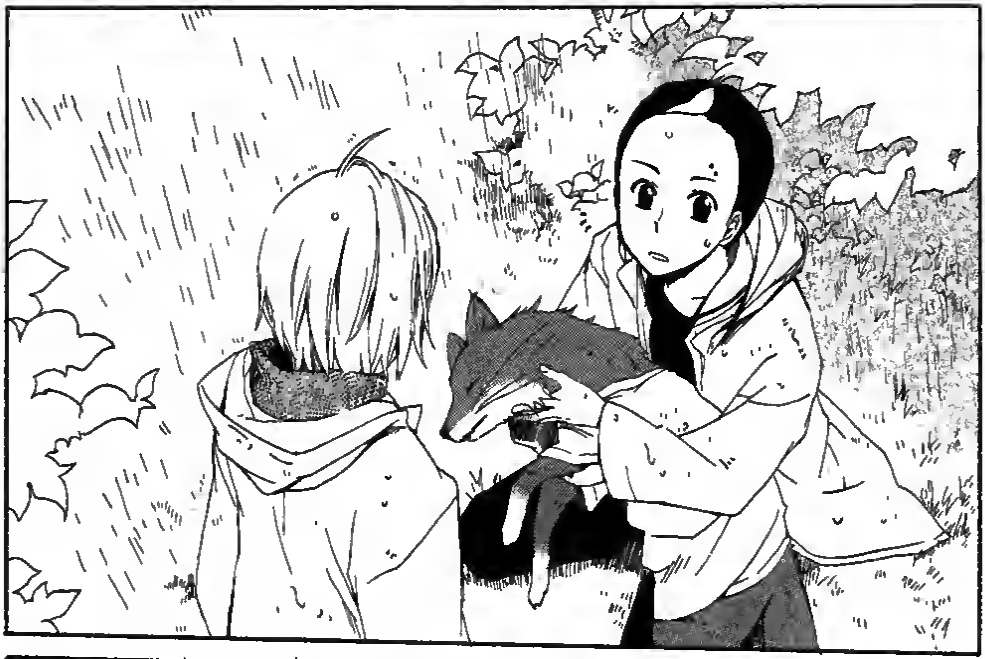
What happened?
Who just yelled?
What?

Sen...



Takuma... kun...?
Why was I sent here?
This place is nothing but a lie.

Report.13 Feet on the Ground

Don't worry.
The school nurse says he just passed out.
Infirmary
R-right. Of course.
The basketball club begs you!
Please take good care of Takuma!
We need peace and quiet here.
You guys should head back over to the dorms.
1!
2!
1!
2!
1!
Keep it down...
We'll run to encourage Takuma's recovery!
Basket-ball club!
おお!

Ninja Club
.....
When will...
...Yuichi be back?
...huh? Kotaro, the rest of your club left.
Basketball Club
You went when you got hurt, right?
So don't worry too much. He'll be okay soon.
He should be able to go back to your room today.
Remember I told you that humans visit someone called a "doctor" when something's wrong?

Like I said...
...it was all my fault.
But...
...why did he fall?
Why...?
If only...
...I hadn't pushed him into racing me.
He wouldn't have tripped over the trashcan...
...and fallen over--
All right, then!
ばしっ
ばしっ

I caught him before he hit the ground, anyway.
It's all good!
What's done is done.
Oh, me too...
This happened because I didn't keep a close enough eye on them.
Me too, Watanuki-sensei.
All right, let's all wait!
.....
Sensei!
Can I wait here?
Okay ...
...as long as you wait quietly.

We'll wait for the fox boy to wake up!
It hasn't ...
...been that long, has it?
It's dark...
Has the sun gone down?

When I looked down from the second floor...
...I thought...
"Oh... Takuma-kun..."
But right while I was thinking that...
...I felt like I was floating.

Right now it's evening, and i'm in the school hallway, right?
But i keep thinking weird things.
Weird.
They obviousiy are, though.
I feel like my feet aren't touching the ground.
じぃ…
ぴくっ!!

Well...
You're being really quiet.
What is it, Miiko-san?
Nothing.
...are you worried about me?
We were told to keep it down...
.....
Yeah?
I'm sorry.
Fukuta-san...

I'm really sorry.
I know you liked him, so...
What for?
It's as if I can't feel the ground under me.
.....
It's not like it's your fault, Yusuke-kun.
The ground seems so far away...
And... ...my body feels so... long.

Takuma-kun...
Hurry and wake up...
Hurry...
Please...

Don't you think it's time we told Yuichi about...
Listen, dear...
You're probably right.
What're you talking about?
Dad!
Mom!
Oh, Yuichi!
W-welcome home!
Dunno. It just fits.
Why not a dog?
Huh? A fox?
You're a lot like a fox, y'know?

ふっふ。

What the heck is going on?

I keep overhearing these things that make no sense.

Listen, Yuichi.
There's something we've been meaning to tell you for a while
Just listen and try to stay calm.
You see, the truth is...
...we're really foxes!
どろん
ぷっん,

...foxes...?
That's...

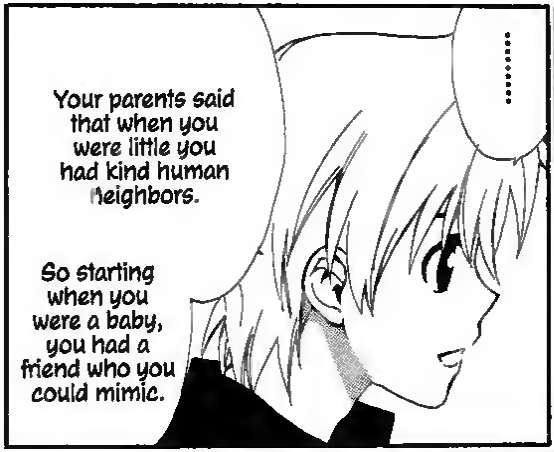
Aaaah! My hand--?!
Yuichi!
We're coming in!
.....
Takuma!
Takuma-kun?
Yay, you really are okay!
Look, everyone!

"Don't hold a grudge."

.....
Hey, don't jump on him like that.
I told you to wait outside...
See, he's all right. Now get going!
I need to keep an eye on him for a bit longer.
Huh...? Meanie!
Kotaro.
Am I...
...a fox right now?

Yup!
?
You guys too.
.....
Thank goodness.
See?
You really are a fox.

Yuichi Takuma...
...I know this must be a bit-of a shock, but try to stay positive.
It must have been tough.
You're not the first student we've had who was raised by transformed parents and believed he was human.
When you go back to human society it'll be good for you to know how you react when your transformation breaks.
...your parents told me about your situation.
They told me they'll be happy if you choose to live your life as a human, but they wanted you to understand what it means to be a magical animal.
I don't know why it broke, but...


Your parents said that when you were little you had kind human neighbors.
So starting when you were a baby, you had a friend who you could mimic.
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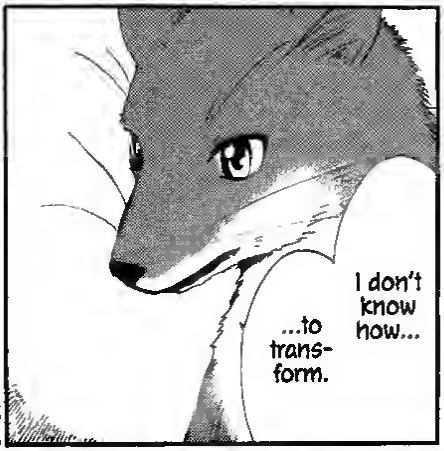
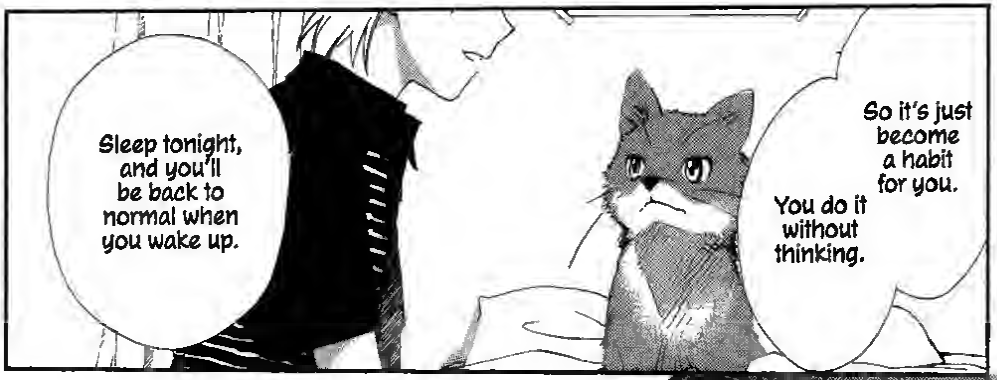
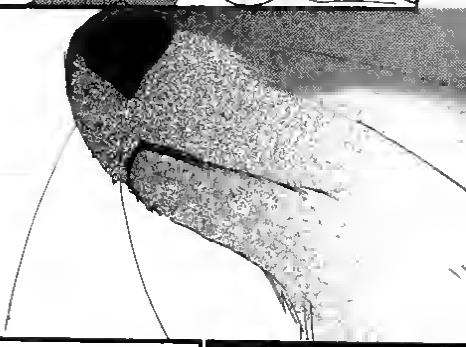


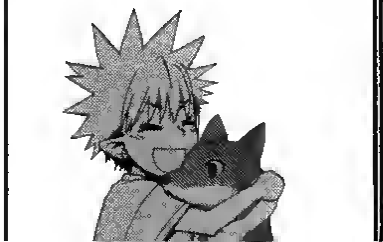


That's right...

I didn't want to believe it.

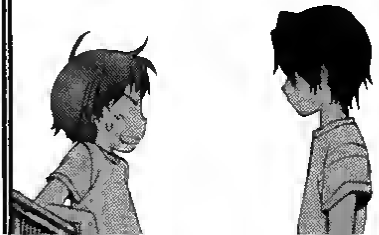


...I was a fox.



I thought my heart was going to explode, and when I tried to catch my breath...

I was running so hard... I was so worn out...



I'd freeze up every time my parents mentioned it.

This really isn't a dream?
.....
It...
...feels like...
...I'm in a dream.
.....
Later, guys!

You're not happy?
.....
Oh... right.
Huh?
I'm glad Takuma-kun's okay!
Wor-ried...
Y-yeah, of course I am.
I was really worried!
Bye...
Well, see ya!
Right.
But it all...
...feels so weird.
It just doesn't feel...
...real.

This is me, right?
!
Oof!
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Takuma-kun's a fox, and...
...what am i?
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?
?
Sorry...!
??
Why'd you stop?
?

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tick
tick
tick
S-sorry...
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Don't poke at me!
Whoops!
ぽしゃっ

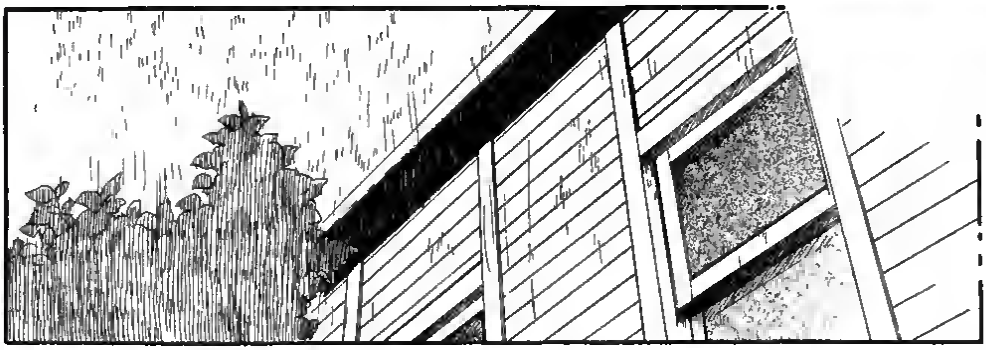
Miiko's all warm...
You're all wet!
There's fresh rain falling on me.
Your hand's wet!
Fune!
Aah --!
I like it when you get angry.
I'm sorry.
What-ever!
Such cute paws!
This isn't a dream.
And Takuma-kun is fine.
Every-thing is normal.
Sheesh!

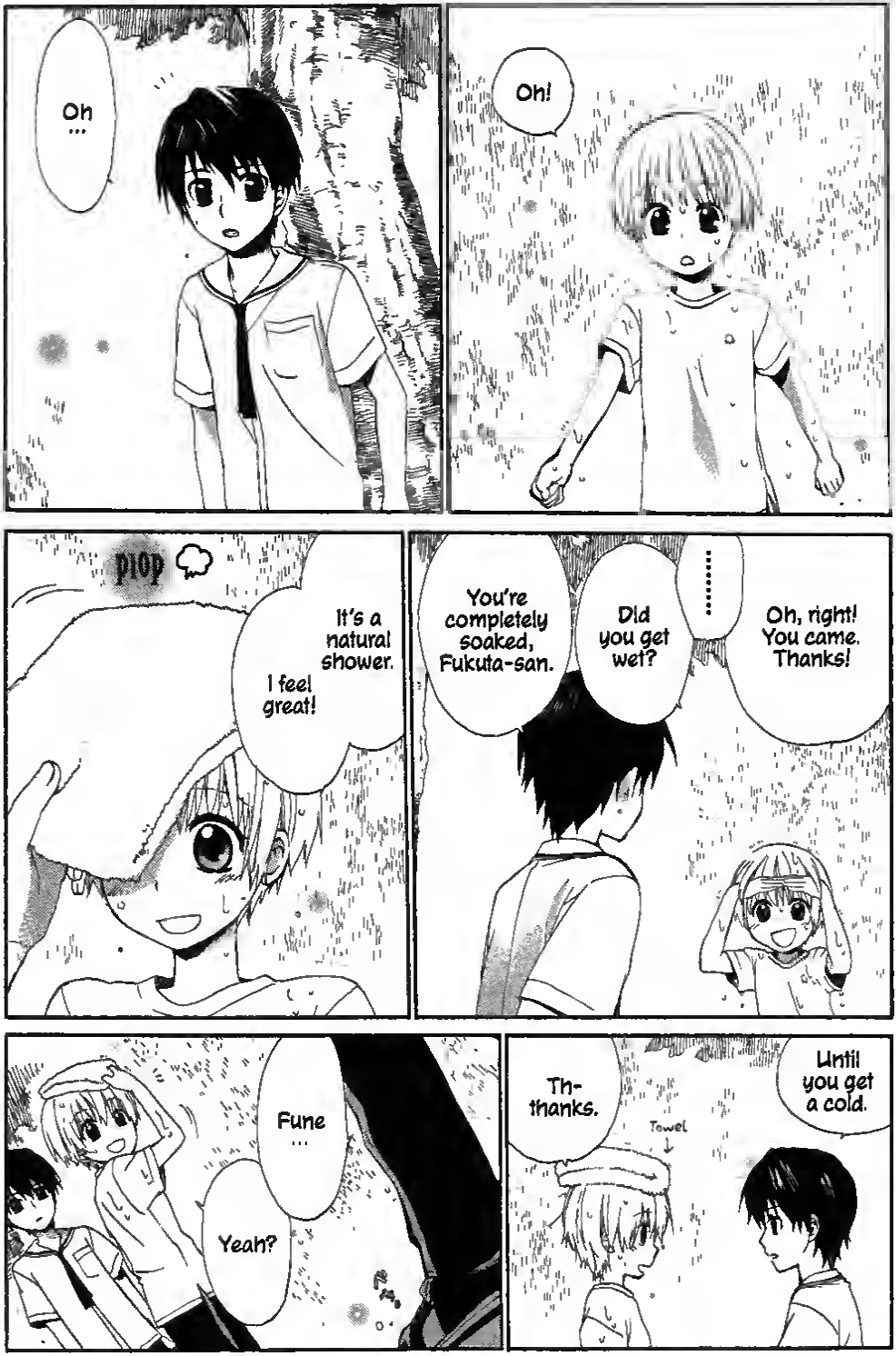
...Takuma-kun will be there, just like always.
When I go to school tomorrow...
If it stops raining...
And then I'll sit in my seat by the window and bask in the sun with Miiko.
Ume-chan will be sitting by Kotaro and reading some kind of design book, and I'll say good morning to her.
I'll take the long way around and stay dry.
You coming, Miiko?
I'm gonna make a dash for it!
All right!

But...
...my fur gets all sticky and heavy and gross when it's wet. I hate it!
A little water won't hurt you!
We can take a nice warm bath afterward.
I hate baths!
Oh, come on! Be a pal!
But think how nice it'll feel...
...after you dry off!
Why get all wet just so you can dry off?
You're hopeless, Miiko!
If I can't convince you, I'll just go on my own.
See you later!
Miiko's so selfish.
...

Nothing's changed.
Even if Takuma-kun's a fox, he's still my friend.
Main Campus
Girls' Dorm
Boys' Dorm
Nothing's changed. Nothing at all.
I'm still me!
Everything's fine!
I'm not alone like I was when I got here!

I can do this!
I'm fine.
Infirmary
I'm fine!




Oh ...
Oh!
plop
It's a natural shower.
I feel great!
You're completely soaked, Fukuta-san.
Did you get wet?
.....
Oh, right! You came. Thanks!
Fune ...
Yeah?
Th-thanks.
Towel
Until you get a cold.

Be-cause...
It's fine.
I've got every-body.
Huh?!
You came?!
I'm all sticky...
Oh, Miiko.
You're drenched too

I can do this!

I can't!
Every-one's going to leave.
And then they'll tell me...
...I have to get out too!

Report.14 Season of Change

Bath
Whew ...!
もしゅ
That felt great!
もしゅ
Urara-chan!
Oh...
I thought I'd gotten here first.
The rain made the gym really humid and gross.
Urara Takaku (Deer) Track Club
Is anyone else here?
Yeah, some older kids.
How was your club?

I love the bath!
Wow, I was sweating like crazy!
That sucks. The bath is gonna be packed...
It sucks?

Carrot
Bath
Let's go, Miiko.
Who doesn't have a bathing pass?
Hey, only 15 at a time!

Not bad, huh?
How do you feel, Miiko?
So?
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Are you okay now, Fune?
What is it...?
Uh...
Y-yeah! Don't they?
Baths tire me out.
Sooo sleepy.

A lot of stuff happened today, but...
...maybe getting some sleep will reset everything.
But that's why...
...it feels so good when you climb into bed afterward!
At least that's what I was hoping, but I still can't calm down.
.....
I lent the Morimori handbook to Sasuke-kun, but...
.....
...It'll be okay, right?
I should return the towel he gave me...
I wonder how...
...Takuma-kun is doing?

Is he okay?
What a dork.
Takuma fell from the third floor?
Hey, look!
Looks like he's all right!
There they are now.
Phew...
Yuichi! Supper time!
I'm not hungry...
.....
All you guys care about is food.
I'm starved.
Finally!
Yeah!
Now we can eat!

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Yuichi!
I made some rice balls!
Have some if you're hungry.
.....
.....
Kotaro ...
I'm going to sleep!

Isn't it funny that I told you...
...I was a human...?
Gulp
?
You knew the truth all along, didn't you?
I'm an idiot.
Just like he said.
You're a complete master at transforming!
Have some confidence!
C'mon, cheer up!
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I'm glad I didn't...
...tell her how I feel...
It was raining so hard earlier.
I wonder if it's stopped now...
Miiko must be asleep...
It's so quiet.

I hope it's sunny tomorrow.
See you tomorrow.
Good night.
This awful feeling must be...
...tomorrow.
See you...
...the rain.
...because of...

……
Shh!
...okay, Sasuke?
Let's get this trade over with...

Gimme!
Yuichi Takuma fell from the third floor.
And you were up there, Yusuke.
And?
I've got your hostage right here.
So that's it?
.....
Were you... trying to kill him?
Of course not!
No way a fox would die from that.
He could have died. If it'd gone wrong.
It's fine, all right?
Our amazing senpai saved him.
This wasn't the deal.
You're the one who told me to bring this.
Hey, what I do is my business.

The deal was I'd give you the cold medicine and you'd bring *that*.
So why'd you mention Yuichi Takuma's name when you were talking to its owner?
What were you trying to cover up by doing that?
I know you met with Neko Fukuta after school yesterday.
Shirou told me all about it.
What for...?
PIP

Whoa!
I wasn't really going to stab him.
Chill out, Kurou.

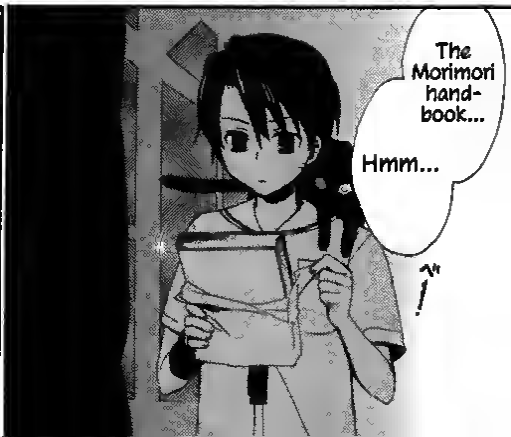
Here!

So you got it.

...right?
And now we have our alibis...

We each came to school to get something we forgot.

Interesting.


The Morimori hand-book...
Hmm...
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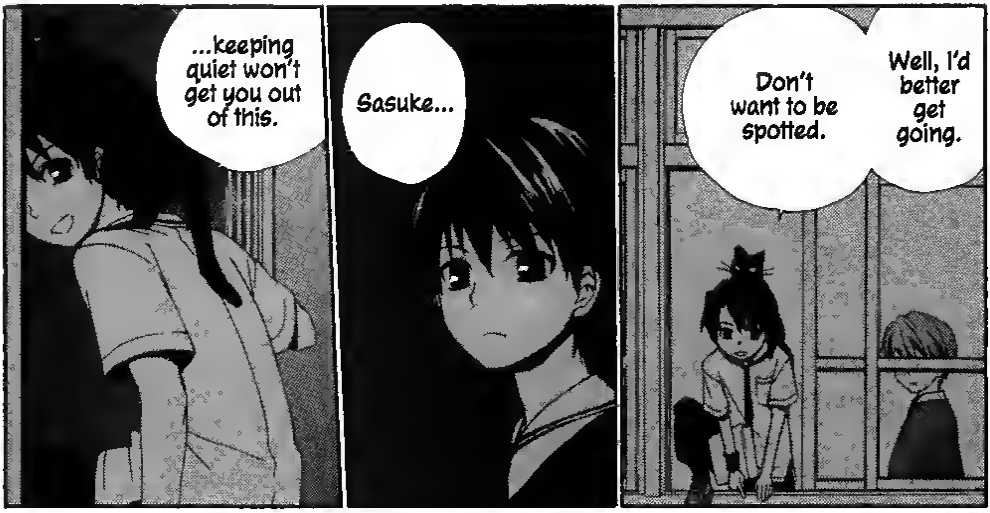

...keeping quiet won't get you out of this.
Sasuke...
Don't want to be spotted.
Well, I'd better get going.

It's sunny.
A perfect day...
I wonder what's keeping Takuma-kun?
たただだだ
Yuichi!

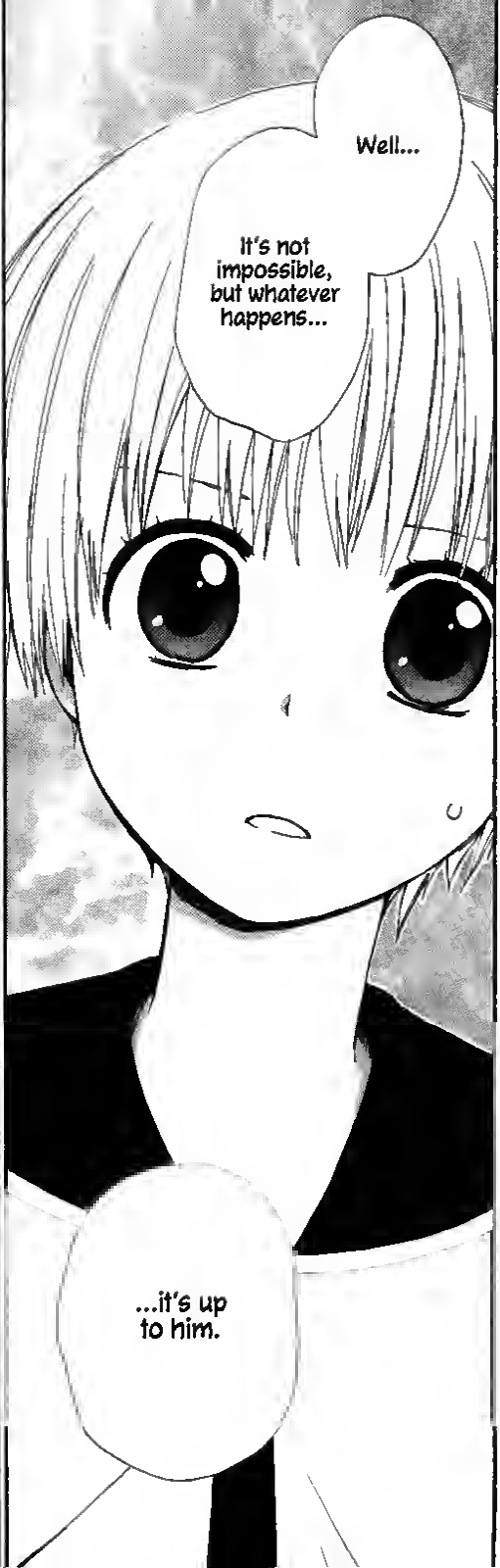
Kotaro, your shirt's open...
Has anyone seen Yuichi?!
Huh?
He's gone!
I haven't seen him at all since I woke up!
Kotaro!
Yuichi's with the headmaster.
What?
That lady from when we enrolled?
Right.
Why?

After what happened yesterday...
...he said he wanted to talk things over with his parents.
He was pretty adamant...
...so i told him to discuss it with the head-master.
Does that mean...
...he's leaving the school?!

Sensei!

Did... did you...
...talk to him much...
... yester-day?

.....
Yeah.
About what happened, and about his future.


Well...
It's not impossible, but whatever happens...
...it's up to him.

It...sounded like he didn't want to have to say goodbye to everyone.

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Excuse me!
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Blue 1
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Yuichi!
ばんっ
……
きょろ
きょろ
His bag's gone.
To Kotaro
Thanks for the rice balls.
-Yuichi

Rass bllls?
Can't read
.....
If he went to the head-master...
...maybe he's somewhere near the entrance?
!
...oh!

Takuma-kun!
Uh...
Fu...
Fukuta-san.
Um... Err...

.....
What about you? Hasn't class started?
Wh-what are you doing?
Uh huh!
It has. So we should get back there.
I thought ...
...if someone did come after me...
...it would be Kotaro.
Huh?

I'm sorry, Fukuta-san.
I wrote it down, but... tell Kotaro that his rice balls were really good.
I...i don't think I'll be going to class for a while.
I want to talk to my parents...
...and try to figure out who I am.
.....
But...
I'm just...
...really messed up right now.
i can't keep myself from saying horrible things.

I...
...like you...
...and Kotaro and Miiko-san and everyone.
So I'm...
Horrible things like what?
I'm just...
...so afraid of hurting everyone.
For how long?
When will you be back?
I have to say something.
.....

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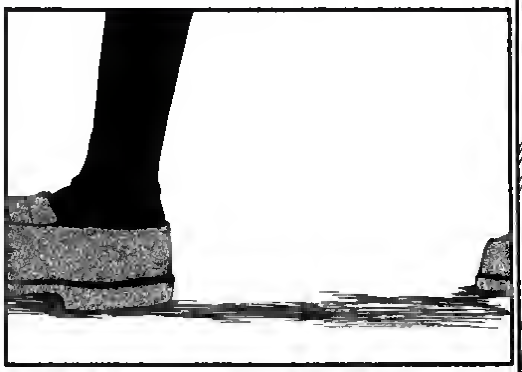
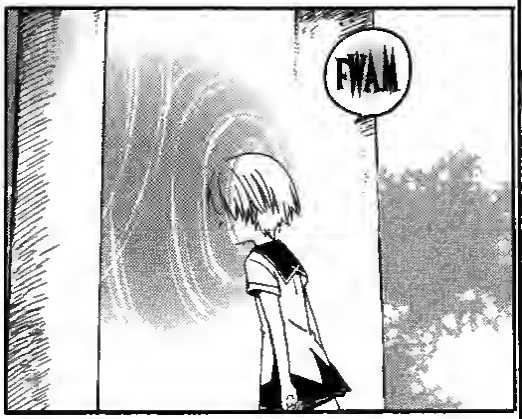
Takuma-kun is crying.
I have to say something.
Anything!
There was so much I wanted to say...
...but it sounds like Takuma-kun's really thought about this.
So... Now what...?





Takuma-kun knows the outside world like I do.

What am I...

...supposed to do?

It doesn't matter to me...
...that he's not human.
.....
I don't care.
Because ...
Because ...?
.....

I can't do this...!
...I...

And when I looked ahead...
...I saw nothing but darkness.
I realized I hadn't found anything to say to him.

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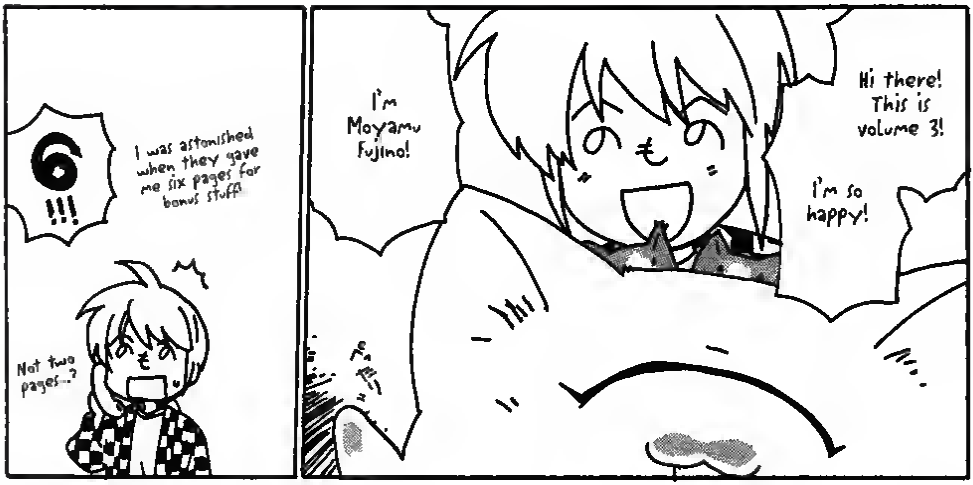
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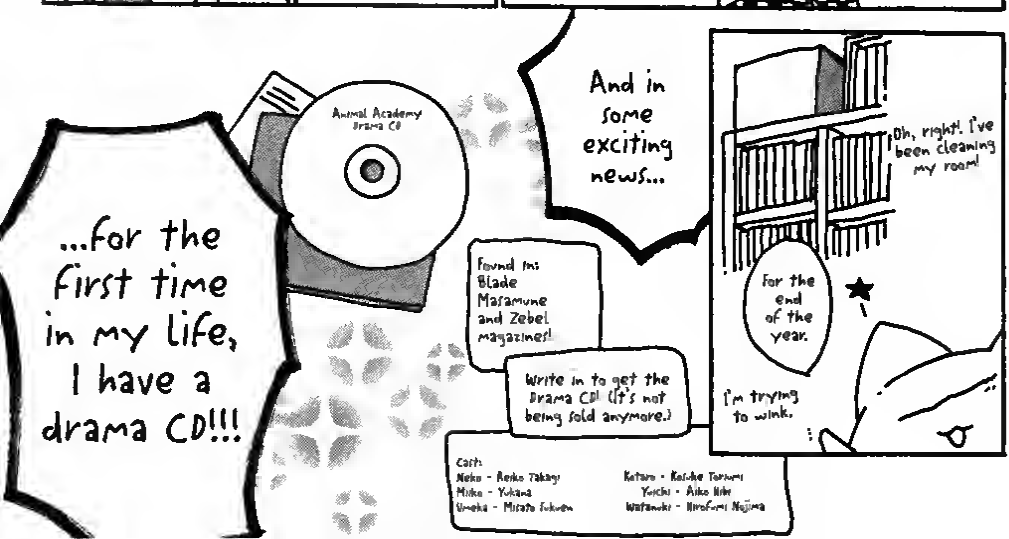
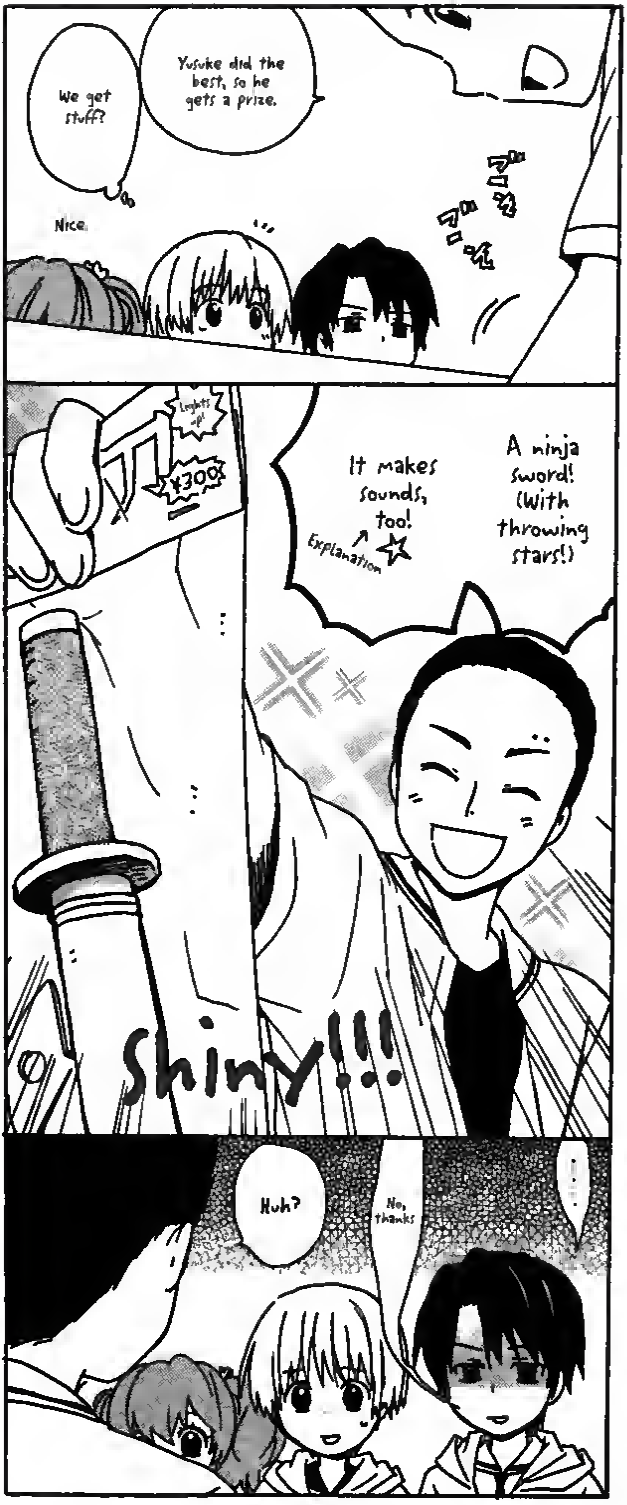
!!!
I was astonished when they gave me six pages for bonus stuff!
Not two pages...?
I'm Moyamu Fujino!
Hi there! This is volume 3!
I'm so happy!

Hmm...
In the ninja club
A Fight?
Anyways, this is all just bonus material, so I hope you can just sit back and enjoy it.
N-now what...? So many pages to fill...


...for the first time in my life, I have a drama CD!!!
Animal Academy Drama CD
And in some exciting news...
Found the Blade Masamune and Zebel magazines!
Write in to get the Drama CD! (It's not being sold anymore.)
Oh, right! I've been cleaning my room!
For the end of the year.
I'm trying to wink.
Cast:
Neko - Reiko Takagi
Mika - Yukana
Umeka - Mirai Fukuen
Kataro - Kazuhiko Tarumi
Yoichi - Aiko Ide
Wafumaki - Hirofumi Nojima

It was so fun hearing everyone's opinions.
Oh! And thanks for all the letters about what the voices should sound like!
It's so exciting!
Heh heh...
I don't want to write too much about it and sound like I'm bragging, though.
I want to put them on display.
I got autographs from the voice actors!
Seriously!
Thank you so much!
It was...
...cute!
Anyway, it was awesome!
Wow, this is so cool!
I'm kind of useless here...
Worried
I'm writing this in 2006, and it comes out in 2007! I'm hoping next year will be just as good, and I wish you all a great year. Hope to see you next volume!
I'm getting tons of energy from so many sources!
The best ever!
I'm doing great!

Thank you!! / I.nami / O.miwa / K.miwa / M.asami / M.Yu-ki ♥


We get stuff?
Yusuke did the best, so he gets a prize.
Nice.
Lights up!
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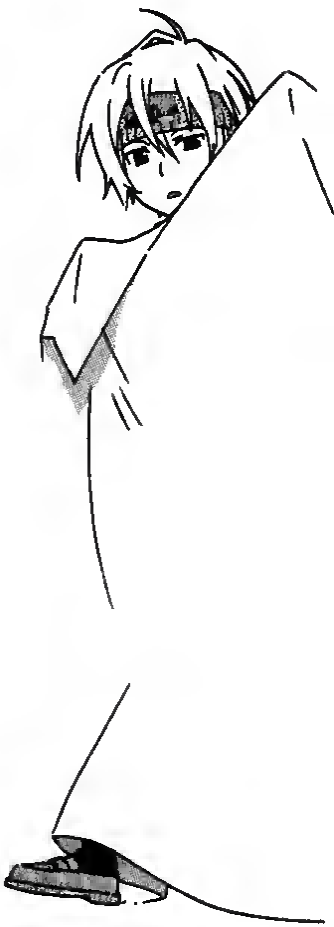
It makes sounds, too!
Explanation
A ninja sword! (With throwing stars!)
Shiny!!!
Huh?
No, thanks

A day in the life of the ninja club.

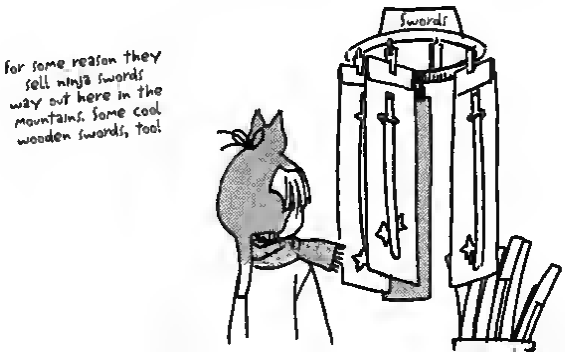


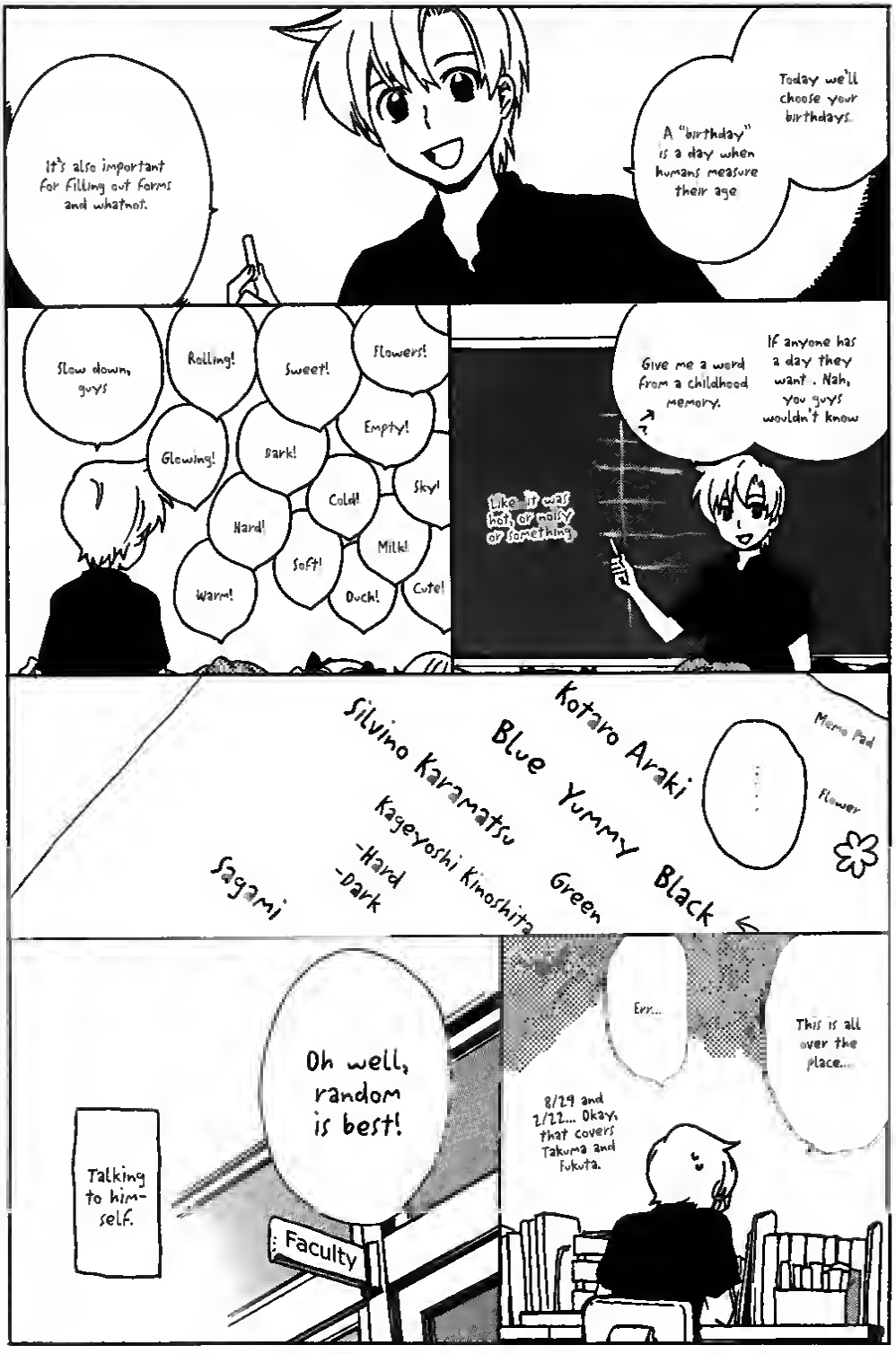
So Captain Uesugi uses those?
It does suit him...
Swish!

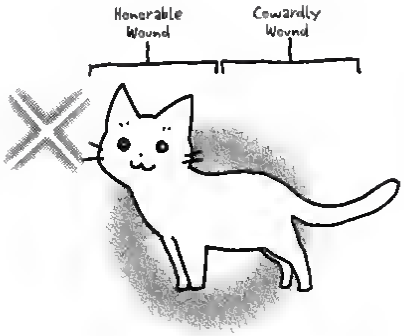
Swish

Where?
...
Swish

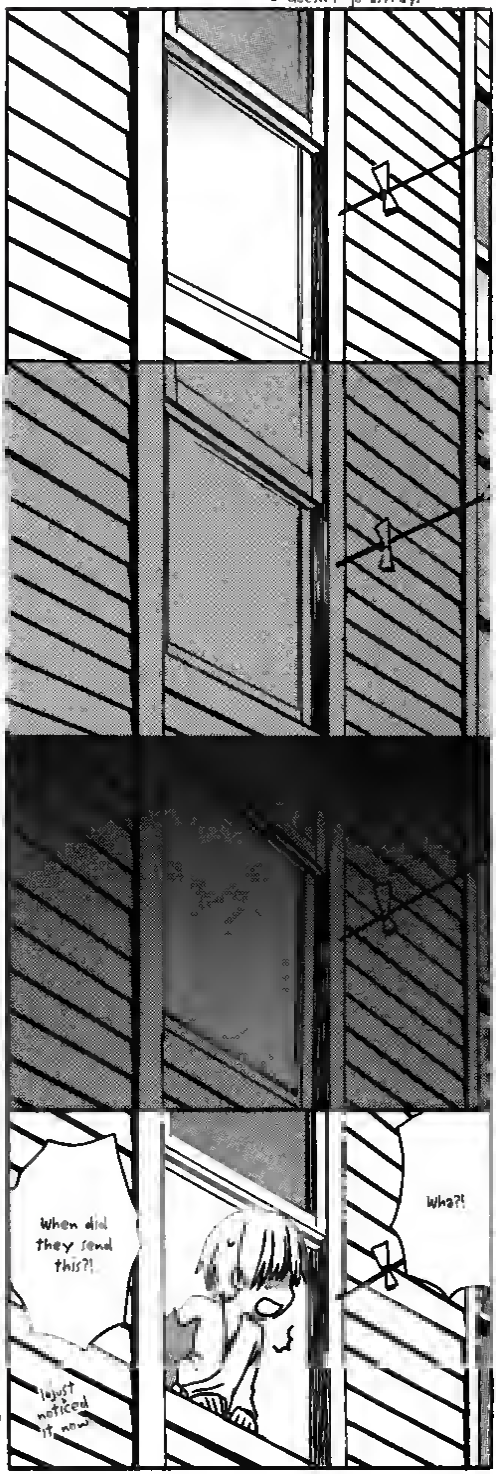
Hmm?
At the school gift shop.
Where did he get that, anyway?


For some reason they sell ninja swords way out here in the mountains. Some cool wooden swords, too!
Swords


Today we'll choose your birthdays.
A "birthday" is a day when humans measure their age
It's also important for filling out forms and whatnot.
If anyone has a day they want. Nah, you guys wouldn't know
Give me a word from a childhood memory.
Like, it was hot, or noisy or something
Slow down, guys
Rolling!
Sweet!
Flowers!
Empty!
Glowing!
Dark!
Sky!
Cold!
Hard!
Milk!
Soft!
Warm!
Ouch!
Cute!
Memo Pad
Flower
Kotaro Araki
Blue Yummy Black
Silvino Karamatsu
Kageyoshi Kinoshita
Green
-Hard
-Dark
Sagami
Err...
This is all over the place...
8/29 and 2/22... Okay, that covers Takuma and Fukuta.
Oh well, random is best!
Talking to himself.
Faculty


Honorable Wound
Cowardly Wound

A car
Faced... what?
It's proof that I faced it down
You have a big scar on your forehead, right?
Yikes...
A car?!!


...Arrow Mail—when it doesn't go astray.
When did they send this?!
What?!
I just noticed it now!

HAKOBUNE HAKUSHO.3

Kotaro Araki

- A fox and a first year student at Morimori High School.
- Class Number: 1 • Species: Vulpes Vulpes
- He's bad at schoolwork but good at transforming. It's assumed that he doesn't learn well because his head is always spinning too much for him to focus. He loves Miiko.

Yuichi Takuma

- A fox and a first year student at Morimori High School.
- Class Number: 6 • Vulpes Vulpes
- The child of two magical transforming animals. He's so good at transforming that he doesn't even realize he's doing it. He likes _____. He has a childhood friend who he resembles (and has a cat).

Must Love Cats
Yuichi Takuma loves cats.
First day.
But they're transforming cats...
Morimori Pamphlet
One week later.
I can't take it!
They're so cute!!!
weeks later.
We keep getting assaulted...
The cats.
Hang in there.
Cat ①
See, Uesugi's a cat-loving monkey
Try to stay in your human form.
This is like a harem to him.
In the ninja club
Cat ②
Cat ③
Cat ④
*Zenda

In the next volume of...

Tension runs high in Morimori Academy after Yuichi departs so he can sort out his troubling identity crisis. But the pressure may prove to be too much for Neko, who wants to be at Morimori, but is afraid she'll never really be a part of it. So now it's going to be up to the irrepressible Kotaro to change her mind!